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of historic fetes which have been given at the Pan-American Union. The centennial of the independence of the five Central American states, which is being observed with appropriate ceremonies all over Central America and wherever the republics of Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Nicaragua have diplomatic representatives, was celebrated there last evening with a reception and ball which was singularly beautiful in its appoint-

It served, moreover, to mark a date which will be commemorated in history—the birth of the new Central American federation, which is modeled roughly upon that of the United States. The federation of Guatemala, Honduras and Salvador has already been proclaimed and there is every assurance that Nicaragua and Costa Rica will come in within a few weeks.

"Everybody" who is now in town—and I had no idea how many people were back—seemed to be at the party and their pleasure at coming together for the first

at coming together for the first time this season contributed no little to the atmosphere of gayety and good will which prevailed.

The diplomatic envoys of the five republics, who were hosts, were assisted in welcoming their guests by the members of the legislation. guests by the members of the le-gation staffs and the ladies of their families. The receiving lines— there wree two of them, one at the head of each of the wide marble stairways which embrace the beau-tiful patio—included the Minister of Honduras and Senora de Lopez-Gutierrez, the Minister of Costa Rica and Senora de Beeche, the Minister of Guatamala and Senora de Bianchi, the Minister of Nicaragua and Senora de Chamorro, Sen-ora Feraud, Dr. and Senora Prada, Dr. and Senora Castro, Senor and Senora Adolfo Cordena, Senoria Josefina Cromeyer, Senorita Henriquez, and Jorge Beeche.

THE Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge were present, also the Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes, the Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Wallace and numerous other official folk, while almost the entire diplomatic corps turned out to do honor to their colleagues. The flags of the Central American republics lined up across the en-trance hall greeted the guests as they assembled and flags and flowers were used throughout the building by way of decoration. There was dancing in the Hall of the Americas to the music of Boern-stein's Orchestra. In one of the smull conference rooms off the ballroom supper was served for the Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge, the cabinet officers and their wives, the chiefs of diplomatic missions and the ladies of their families and a little group of official guests. The rest of the company supped on the terrace overlooking the Azteo Condens. Gardens.
Here a scene of remarkable



MRS. GEORGE P. KIMMEL, Who has returned to Washington after a three-month sojourn in Europe.

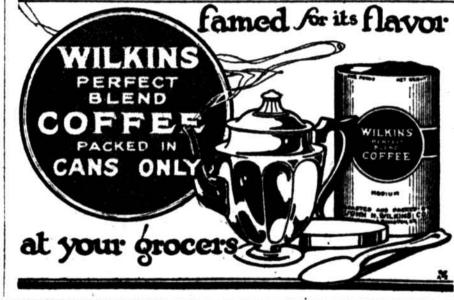
beauty was presented. Across the garden gleamed the strange blue light with which the portico of the annex is illuminated. The lily pond was outlined with electric lights which lit up the gorgeous blossoms floating on its surface and threw

into high relief the brooding Sad ludian at one end. And the great golden moon, smiling down on the assemblage put the lights to shame. Men in evening dress and hand-some women in bright-colored gowns grouped about in the garden on the terrace or strolling up and down the twin marble stair-ways which flanked the building, contributed no little to a pictur-esque and colorful ensemble.

WHILE many charming gowns were noted, few of them were new and one was forced to connew and one was forced to con-clude that the smart feminine world is keeping its autumn ward-robe in tissue paper until the armaments conference convenes. Mrs. Coolidge was one of the ex-ceptions which proves the rule, for she had on a new and distinctly modish gown of soft royal blue silk heavily beaded. It had the long waisted bodice and the full skirt, with the irregular hem line, skirt, with the irregular hem line, which gives promise of being popular during the coming season. Mrs. Hughes wore a gown of fine black lace over satin, with a garniture of pearl passementerie on the bodies.

Major George Oakley Totten, jr., and his bride, who was Mrs. Vicken von Post, were present and were surrounded all evening by groups of persons who were having their first opportunity to greet them since their return from their honeymoon. Mrs. Totten wore her wedding gown of white tulle her wedding gown of white tulle and lace. Her sister, Miss Evan von Post, was with them. Mme. Hugo de Pena, who was present with her husband, the secretary of with ner nusband, the secretary of the legation of Uruguay, was a handsome and a striking figure in a gown all shimmery gold and black; and pretty little Mme. Ce-lesia, wife of the secretary of the Utalian embassy had on a introduced Italian embassy, had on a jetted black gown which enhanced fairness. The de Penas have but

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